

Remarks

Claims 3, 30-33, 62-65, 93-96, and 123-125 are pending in the referenced application by the present amendment. Claims 3 and 96 have been amended without prejudice or disclaimer. Support for additional amendments may be found, *e.g.*, in the original claims and in the specification at pages 1691-1694. No new matter enters by the foregoing amendments. Entry of the amendment and consideration of the application as amended is therefore respectfully requested.

I. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph, Written Description

Claims 3 and 96 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. Without agreeing with the rejection, the claims have been amended as suggested by the Examiner to more specifically define the PMBCs extract. As such, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

II. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph, Enablement

Claims 3 and 96 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, because the specification allegedly lacks enablement commensurate in scope with the claims. Without agreeing with the rejection, the claims have been amended as suggested by the Examiner to more specifically define the PMBCs extract. As such, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

III. Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner is thanked for the indication that Claims 30-33, 62-65, 93-95, and 123-125 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. As noted above, the rejected independent claims, Claim 3 and 96, have been amended as suggested by the Examiner to overcome the rejections of record. As such, it is submitted that all claims should now be allowable. Further, it is noted that Claims 33 and 62-64, as well as Claims 65 and 93-95 are already independent claims (or dependent from a non-rejected independent claim). Thus, these claims should be in condition for allowance, as there are no outstanding objections or rejections.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and timely allowance of the pending claims. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would be useful in resolving any outstanding issues, she is invited to call Applicants' undersigned representative at (303) 863-2303.

Respectfully submitted,

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